

## VOTE ON STRIKE

100,000 New York Workers Cast the Die Today.

General Walkout Wednesday Depends on the Result.

## UNIONS FACE A CRISIS

Many Men Do Not Want to Quit Their Jobs.

Leaders Insist Car Men Will Be Given Full Support.

New York, Sept. 25.—Labor organizations, including about 100,000 workers, met today to vote on the question of joining in the proposed general strike to take effect here Wednesday morning. Ernest Bohm, secretary of the conference of labor leaders directing the movement, asserted that unions representing 179,500 workers already had voted to quit work.

A meeting of the leaders will be held this afternoon to hear the reports from the local unions. Among those to vote today are the machinists, metal workers and underground and bituminous miners. Bohm asserts that if the general strike becomes effective it will not last more than two days, as he believes it will quickly force the traction companies to arbitrate with their striking employees.

Labor leaders held secret meetings Sunday in various parts of the city to devise a plan for making effective the strike for a general suspension of work.

Reports of defections among the unions that had been counted upon as among the most loyal allies in any situation that may arise brought the leaders face to face with the fact that they were confronting a crisis.

Walk Out Assured? Doubts were expressed by many of the leaders as to the ability of the central federated union to make good its threats. But, in spite of these expressions, the men who have been most active in fomenting the plans for the walkout persisted in their statements that a walkout which would stagger the city was assured.

"It is impossible to say how many workers will go out on Wednesday and we are not pressing any bridges until we come to them," said William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Electric Railway Employees of America. Fitzgerald is the one man above all others upon whom rests the responsibility for the union's fight against the Interborough and the surface railway lines.

"I think," added Mr. Fitzgerald, "the organized effort to stimulate the unions to co-operation than anything else that could have been devised."

Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated Union, was one of the most optimistic of the labor leaders. He said:

"We have heard from sixty of the local unions. These have an aggregate membership of 160,000 and they are all pledged to suspend work on Wednesday."

Will Workers Quit? Mr. Bohm was asked:

"Will the workers abide by the pledges of their union officials?" He said: "I can but repeat what I have just said. The unions are pledged to go out on Wednesday. But will the men go out?" Mr. Bohm was asked:

"We are sure that the trades directly connected with the street railway service will go out at once. The others might be slow in answering the call," Mr. Bohm admitted.

"Is it not a fact that there are serious objections on the part of the men?" was the next question.

Mr. Bohm replied: "If there are we do not know of them." Further than this he would not comment.

Inquiry among the men disclosed the fact that many have protested against leaving their positions at this time. With the prospect of increasing prices of food and other necessities of life, they do not care to risk their positions, especially in a strike of this kind.

Demand General Strike. And the Central Federated union men evidenced their concern over the prospects when they began the task of making a direct appeal to the six hundred labor organizations in the city urging co-operation in the threatened walkout. Under Mr. Bohm's direction 1,000 letters were sent to the officials of local unions.

The river front coopers' union, with 500 members, voted to suspend work if there is a general strike. And the rouching of their resolution in phrasing that made it operative only in the event of a general strike, was regarded as one of the most significant actions of the day. Other unions professed their readiness to participate "if there were a general strike," but even the most optimistic of the leaders would not predict a "general strike" of all the trades.

A small electric railroad has been constructed in one of the sewers of Paris.

Olds into tests is seeking abolition of injunctions.

## AFTERNOON TEA MAKES FRITZ AND TOMMY FORGET DIFFERENCES



This interesting scene was made in a British detention camp in France, after a successful attack on the Teuton lines on the Somme front had resulted in the capture of a number of the Kaiser's fighters. It shows the German prisoners enjoying afternoon tea under the eyes of only a British officer and Red Cross orderly, who are seen in the middle background.

## ASK HEALTH LAWS

Committee of Teachers Would Make Supervision Compulsory.

Advocate Teachers' Pensions—Approve Movie Censor Board.

Compulsory health supervision in both rural and city schools, a longer tenure for school superintendents, centralization of schools, a mandatory teachers' pension law, county schools in the state, the removal of the state superintendent of instruction from politics, and the separation of the duties of moving picture censor from those of the state superintendent are some of the topics covered in the resolutions compiled by the committee.

The committee favored amendments perfecting and strengthening the rural high schools in the state to the end that every child in the state may have access to a free high school and that both industrial and cultural courses may be offered in all rural high schools.

In regard to motion picture censorship the resolutions contain the following: "We fully endorse the censorship of motion pictures as carried out by the department of education. But inasmuch as this does not belong to the duties of the state superintendent we recommend that it be removed to some special commission."

The article on health supervision reads: "We advocate the passage of such laws by the state legislature as will secure efficient health supervision which will be made compulsory in both rural and city schools. We deem this a public necessity."

The committee on resolutions is composed of the following: Supt. M. F. Moore, Leavenworth; Supt. May Cain, Olathe; Supt. B. A. Kinsley, Miss Anna Carlson, Lindsay; and Principal W. S. Robb, Chapman. The resolutions have been amended and approved by the board of directors of the association and are said to represent, in a general way, the thought of the members of the association on legislative subjects.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 25.—That incorporation papers for a \$1,750,000 closed stock concern that will extract dye products from kelp at Long Beach, Cal., will be filed with the state commissioner of corporations in the immediate future was reliably stated today.

The plant, it is said, will employ a new process for the extraction of dye products discovered by Jacobus Swartzell and other German scientists who have been conducting extensive experiments near Long Beach. Kelp from the beds within a radius of thirty miles of Long Beach will be used in the making of dye products by the proposed concern.

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## BASS WOOD FOR PULP

Demand for Paper Materials Revives Industry of 25 Years Ago.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 25.—Large quantities of bass wood are being cut off the hills and mountains of Fayette county and are being shipped to New England paper mills. Twenty-five years ago the bass wood industry occupied the time of a large number of men, the wood being used at paper mills near by. Eventually all the available timber was used, but recent investigation has shown trees large enough for pulp have again grown up.

## UNLOADED IN TIME

Brother of Man Killed at "Danger Point," Narrowly Escapes Death.

Glenn Boley was thrown from his motorcycle Sunday afternoon at the intersection of Seventeenth street and Central Park avenue narrowly escaping death at the same place where his brother, Ralph Boley, was killed in a street car-busby collision September 11. This makes a total of five accidents for the intersection which has been labeled by the neighborhood "Danger Point." Three of the accidents have occurred in the last two weeks.

Boley, who lives five miles southwest of Topeka, was riding south on Central Park avenue. As he attempted to make the "jog" between Central Park avenue and Lincoln street his machine skidded on the rain-wet pavement and climbed the curb, passed over a sidewalk and jammed against a tree.

Boley parted company with his machine before it hit the tree and escaped with a few bruises. Altho the rods on each side of the axle of the front wheel were broken Boley mounted a buggy in which he was riding was hit by a street car at the same intersection in which Sunday's accident occurred.

London, Sept. 25.—Large bodies of Turkish troops are moving northward through Bulgaria to join the German and Bulgarian forces now engaged in heavy fighting with the Russians and Rumanians in Dobruja. Several Turkish detachments have been in action against the Rumanians but the reinforcements were summoned to replace Bulgarian troops shifted to the Macedonian front.

The Turkish regiments are composed almost exclusively of veterans of the Dardanelles campaign. After several days of fierce fighting, much of which occurred in the open, the Dobruja battle has settled down to trench warfare with first one side and then the other attempting to break the enemy's lines. Field Marshal Mackensen's army, after apparently unsuccessful attempts to break the Russo-Rumanian front, has taken up strong positions south of the Constantia railway from which the Teutons are emerging for attacks.

A Bucharest dispatch today reported that the retreating Teutons made an unsuccessful effort to draw the Rumanians into a trap but a German flanking operation was defeated.

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## TRAILING HIS WIFE

Wealthy Topekan in Auto Hunts Missing Woman.

Mrs. Eva Stock Was Seen at Junction City.

LEFT TOPEKA SEPTEMBER 14

Joseph Stock in Salina on Tenth Day of Trip.

Fear of an Operation Drove Woman From Her Home.

Salina, Kan., Sept. 25.—Fear of the surgeon's knife and possible return to the state hospital for the insane, is believed to be responsible for the disappearance of Mrs. Eva Stock, wife of a wealthy farmer living three miles north of Topeka. Joseph Stock, her husband, was Salina looking for his wife, who left Topeka a week ago last Thursday, for this city. She was seen in Junction City and told people in the hotel there that she was coming on to Salina.

Mr. Stock arrived in a motor car on the tenth day of a continuous search for his wife. "Mrs. Stock left Topeka the morning of September 14, at 10:42 o'clock," he said today, "and had only \$14. She had been ill for some time and had been treated in a private sanitarium and in the state hospital at Topeka. Surgeons told her that another operation would be necessary before her recovery was complete and I believe that dread of the operation was what made her leave home."

Started to Grocery Store. Mrs. Stock told her daughter that she was going to a nearby grocery store to do some shopping and would be gone about an hour. When she did not return the search was started. At Junction City the cashier in the station eating house saw Mrs. Stock Thursday afternoon and in a conversation the woman said she was coming to Salina. Police officers are looking for her here today.

The thirty-five year old, wears a large ring set with two diamonds, and a plain band ring, black hat and has brown eyes. Mr. Stock believes that she is likely to stay at a cheap hotel or a private rooming house, or to apply for work as a domestic.

She has the fifth mysterious disappearance reported here in the last two weeks. Ohpha Hinkle, the 17-year-old Salina girl who was missing for two weeks was located by Sheriff Anderson in Kansas City. Albert Pierce, 21-year-old business college student, Wilber Smith, who disappeared after leaving Topeka, was found in an aged Colorado man who is believed to have been here, are still missing.

A taxicab driver in Salina told Mr. Stock that he was sure he had seen Mrs. Stock in Salina, after having looked at the woman's picture.

Mrs. Stock left her home here Thursday, September 14, after telling her daughter she was going to the grocery store. She came to Topeka from the farm, left her horse standing and left on a Union Pacific train. Her disappearance was reported to the police, and it was ascertained that she bought a ticket to Junction City at which place she was seen one day last week. All efforts to find her have proven futile.

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## GIRL SUES FLYER FOR NOT TAKING HER ON AIR TRIP

New York, Sept. 25.—James C. better known as "Bud" Mars, today is the first aviator to be sued for not taking a person up in the air.

Pearl Palmer is the plaintiff. In papers served today she claims \$10,000 damages, alleging that Mars promised to take her on a flight and that his failure to do so caused her loss, humiliation and embarrassment.

Miss Palmer is posing for a statue to be known as "The Hydro Maid" and to be used as an emblem by the New York Flying Yacht club.

## YELLOW FEVER DATA

Rockefeller Commission Back From Chasing Germs on S. A. Coast.

New York, Sept. 25.—The yellow fever commission of the Rockefeller foundation arrived here today on the steamship Brazos from San Juan after a two months' study of sanitary conditions along the west coast of South America. The commission, it was said, by Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army and chairman of the commission, will remain here only long enough to obtain accommodations on the next steamer leaving for the South American east coast.

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